1st January, 1987 to 10th October, 1988?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): 2 persons in 1987 and 4 in 1988 (upto 31-10-88) died in police custody.

**Clearance of Pepsi Cola from security angle**

1659. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Mr. Donald Kendall of Pepsi Cola has CIA influence having past record of destabilising Governments in South America, as reported in 'India Today' of 15th November, 1987 and might create instability in India in the guise of foreign collaboration between Pepsi and Punjab Agro;

(b) whether Government have taken any steps, like getting a report of Intelligence Bureau from the security angle on the proposed entry of Pepsi and its Chief Mr. Kendall; and

(c) if so, whether the Ministry have given a go-ahead from the se curity angle?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) The report published in 'India Today' of November 15, 1987 has come to the notice of the Government.

(b) and (c) The visit of foreign nationals to Punjab are regulated through grant of restricted area permits after security vetting, wherever considered necessary. Government of Punjab had intimated that the number of foreign technicians who may be required to go to Punjab in connection with Pepsi Cola Project would be kept to the minimum.

**Concessions announced in Tamil Nadu**

1660. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of concessions have been announced in the Tamil Nadu on the 7th October, 1988;

(b) if so, what are the details of the concessions announced;

(c) what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) how far it will affect the revenue of the Exchequer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is annexed. [*See* below.]

(c) The main aim in announcing these measures is to improve the competitiveness of the existing industrial units, to accelerate industrial development in the State of Tamil Nadu, to increase production as well as employment opportunities and also to increase substantially the sales turnover.

(d) The shortfall in revenue, if any, cannot be quantified immediately as the impact of the concessions announced will be felt in due course. However, it is expected to result in increased industrial activity leading to increased sales turnover eventually augmenting the revenue to the State exchequer, offsetting any possible shortfall.